implementation of mobile number portability by TRAI

3856. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobile number portability has been introduced in most of the developed and developing countries as one of the essential measures of enhancing the competition and improving the quality of service;

(b) whether any order has been passed by any of the judicial/quasi judicial forums directing TRAI to introduce number portability in the country in respect of mobile services; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the TRAI to facilitate the implementation of mobile number portability in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Mobile Number Portability has been implemented in some of the countries namely United States of America (USA), United Kingdom, France, Germany etc.

(b) Yes, Sir. In its order dated 26-12-2006, the Hon'ble State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Delhi has directed the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to "bring in 'NUMBER PORTABILITY RULE' as prevalent in the USA and other countries". TRAI has filed a petition before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court for setting aside and quashing the said order.

(c) TRAI had submitted its recommendation on "Mobile Number Portability" to the Government.

Progress of IT industry in India

† 3857. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: .
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that information technology industry has made continuous progress in India since past few years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, what is the annual progress rate of this industry in the month of December during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(c) whether it is a fact the contribution of best three companies in this industry remain at almost 40 percent in the total development of the whole industry; and

(d) if not, the facts in this regard and the number of companies in the countries engaged in this industry in the beginning of the year 2006-2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Software Exports of Rs. 11805 crore had been reported through STP units in the month of December 2006 as compared to Rs. 6360 crore in the month of December 2005 (a growth rate 85.6%).

(c) and (d) As per National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) as list of Top 20 companies during 2005-06 is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

More than 5,000 STP units were involved in exports of software during the year 2006-07.

Statement

Top 20 IT Software & Service Exporters from India (2005-06)

(excluded ITES-BPO)

Rank	Company
1.	Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.
2.	Infosys Technologies Ltd.
3.	Wipro Technology Ltd.
4.	Satyam Computer Services Ltd.
5.	HCL Technologies Ltd.
6.	Patni Computer Systems Ltd.
7.	l-flex Solutions Ltd.

Rank Company
8. Tech Mahindera Ltd. (formerly Mahindra-British Telecom Ltd.)
9. Perot System TSI (I) Ltd.
10.L&T lnfotech Ltd.
11. Polaris Software Lab Ltd.
12. Hexaware Technologies Ltd.
13. Mastek Ltd.
14. Mphasis BFL Ltd. .
15. Siemens Information Systems Ltd.
16. Genpact
17. i-Gate Global Solutions Ltd.
18. Flextronics Software Systems Ltd. (Standalone for PSS)
19. NUT Technologies Ltd.
20. Covansys India Ltd.

Source:

NASSCOM This list does not include companies whose:

1. *Corporate headquarters are located outside India, but who have an India-centric global delivery model; and*

2. *Who have not shared their India-centric revenue figures.*

Pending projects in NER

3858. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of development projects in the North East funded by the Central Government which have been pending beyond the stipulated period for more than three years, less than three years but more than one year and others;

(b) the main reasons for such delays;

(c) the cost escalation caused due to delays; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to expedite the completion of delayed projects?